



2019 Annual Fire Report

1. Residence 2019 Fire Statistics

Name of Residential Facility	On Campus Address	Number of Fires	Cause of Fire	Reason to Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries	Number of deaths	Property Damage
Dorms	Lincoln Ave & Brigid Flanigan East Rd	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Outback	Lincoln Ave	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Wayback	Lincoln Ave	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Fort Awesome	Lincoln Ave	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Commons - Phase II	Phase II Drive	1	Unintentional	Burned oven mitt	0	0	0
Olde Apts - Phase I	Lincoln Ave & Brigid Flanigan East Rd	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Alumni Village	Brigid Flanigan East Rd	1	Unintentional	Cooking	0	0	\$250
Campus Center North	Lincoln Avenue	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0

2. Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems

Smoke/Heat Detectors are present in all student housing areas in accordance with the New York State Fire Code. Sprinkler protection is installed as follows:

Dormitories – partial

Outback – full

Wayback - full

Fort Awesome – full

Phase I (Olde) – none

Phase II (Commons) – K & P Streets only

Alumni Village –full

Campus Center North – partial

(partial indicates sprinklers located in janitor closets only)

3. Fire Drills in 2019

Residential Buildings – 210

Other Buildings – 63

4. Policies regarding portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in student housing facilities.

Following are prohibited in all residence areas and it is explained in the 2018-2019 License Agreement:

- Smoking in any residence area, as well as any campus grounds —students will be billed up to \$200 for cleaning/painting in a bedroom, and \$350 for a common area, should smoking occur in the living space.
- Burning incense, candles, or any other open flame devices.
- Cooking and cooking appliances (except a MicroFridge, coffee pot with auto shut-off feature, or hot pot) in residence hall areas. (This does not apply to apartments or kitchen suites in Outback).
- High wattage electrical equipment (i.e., halogen lamps, sun lamps, air conditioners, etc.) – unless approved through ODR.
- Firearms, explosives, weapons, fireworks, swords, bb/pellet/paint/air guns, daggers, exacto knives, nunchakus, or other dangerous articles or substances injurious to person or property.
- Flammable/combustible substances (Christmas trees, lighter fluid, propane, paper decorations, acetone, oil paints, paint thinner, flammable solvents, etc.).
- Gasoline operated vehicles.
- Smoke/Fog machines.
- Tampering with or disabling fire equipment, fire alarms, or fire exit doors are a violation of law as well as College policy.

5. Evacuation procedures for student housing may be found at

<https://www.purchase.edu/offices/environmental-health-and-safety/emergency-evacuation-procedures/>

6. Policies regarding fire safety education and training provided to students and employees

All residence rooms, suites, and apartments should be provided with the fire evacuation plans for the specific area.

Office of Community Engagement Professionals and Paraprofessionals participated in a half-day Fire Safety training provided by the NY Fire Prevention and Control Office and our campus Environmental Health & Safety Officer.

Residence Coordinators and Resident Assistants work with UPD to ensure proper completion of fire evacuation drills.

The Office of Community Engagement provided fire safety pot holders in every apartment kitchen unit on campus. The pot holder highlighted 6 Safe Cooking Tips:

1. Never leave any cooking food unattended and use a kitchen timer.
2. Turn pot handles into the center of the stove.
3. Always double check that you turned off the stove and oven.
4. Make sure your oven is clean and empty before preheating.
5. Keep cooking areas clean.
6. Never put water on a grease fire.

Apartment kitchens received a fridge magnet with "How to Help PREVENT Cooking Fires":

1. Do not put out cooking fires by using the fire extinguisher in your apartment. DON'T use water or flour to put out a fire.
2. DO limit the cooking temperature; overheated oil can automatically ignite.
3. DO call University Police at x6911 immediately if there is a fire in your kitchen.
4. DO close the oven door and turn off the heat to put out a fire in the oven.
5. DO stay in the kitchen when cooking. Many cooking fires are the result of absentee cooks.
6. DO turn pan handles away from the cooktop edge. A bumped handle can cause spills that can result in painful burns or spilled oil that can catch fire.
7. DO keep cooktop surfaces clean (burners, drip pans and ovens). Grease buildups can catch fire.
8. DO cut off air to a grease fire by covering it with a pan lid. DON'T remove the lid until the pan cools. DO turn off the knob to the burner.

All students and staff living on campus received several communications from The Office of Community Engagement highlighting significant policies connected to fire safety, as well as regarding the fire safety equipment, such as sprinklers, in each residential space. The link to one of the letters is here:

<https://www.purchase.edu/live/files/2673-fire-safety-letter-august-2019>

Additionally, apartment residents were required to practice P.A.S.S., during their check-in process.

If students are documented through Community Standards to have violated some fire safety policy, they may be sanctioned a meeting with Environmental Health and Safety to discuss additional fire safety practices, and/or complete a short online module on fire safety.

7. Titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred.

Students and employees should report fires immediately to the University Police at extension 6911 (914-251-6911).

8. Plans for future improvements in fire safety.

We are planning to develop a more comprehensive fire safety training for all new students during Welcome Week in August. Additionally, we would require additional training for all students that are moving into an on-campus apartment regarding proper cooking/cleaning to minimize fire safety concerns. Updated paperwork needs to be installed on many residential spaces regarding the fire evacuation procedures, as well as routes in the residence halls.

Meetings between the campus Environmental Health & Safety Officer, Office of Community Engagement staff, Facilities staff, University Police and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control are intended to develop new plans for the safety of campus constituents.

College plans including adding additional sprinkler systems into apartment communities and exploring reduced heat burners or new stoves.